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Erickson and Fisk with Seabrook Laymen

Building Plans at Seabrook

The Impossible

Several years ago the suggestion was made that a new church be built in Seabrook, a community in Southwest Topeka, but the idea met with very little encouragement. It seemed impossible that so small a congregation could build a new church. Before long, new homes were being built and several large housing developments were under way in Seabrook. The Sunday School grew beyond the capacity of the small church, the parsonage became a Sunday School House, and the children continued to come. The church took on new life and the members became enthused about new leadership. Dr. Merle Rymph and Dr. Ira Black met with the Seabrook Church people several times to encourage them in their determination to have larger quarters and a more beautiful house of worship.

Becomes Possible

The children were moved to the grade school to make the parsonage a home for the minister and all organizations flourished. After many attempts to find room, a suitable site was found and purchased just five blocks west of the present church, but more in the heart of the new settlements.

A Financial Program

Under the leadership of the Rev. George Fisk of Wichita and with the advice of Mr. Curtis Schumacher of New York, the program was undertaken in November. Fifty men of the Seabrook congregation gathered each evening from Monday through Friday, for instruction by Mr. Fisk, with breakfast meetings two mornings to enthuse their wives (there was a lot of fun as well as hard work at these meetings). On the following Sunday, after

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Remembering Frank Korab

Recently we found in our files a clipping from the column, **"As Peggy of The Flint Hills Sees It"** by Zula Bennington Greene. It was written at the time the Korab's moved from Topeka to Kansas City and is so expressive of their courage and zeal that we want to share it with you:

"Bubbling Spring"

"It is a pity that old Spaniard did not abandon his search for the fountain of youth and hunt for the springs of enthusiasm instead. They amount to the same thing. There must be such springs, else how do you account for Frank Korab, whose perpetual enthusiasm spreads out like branches of a strong tree?

He is possessed of that rare vision that generates enthusiasm and the energy that accomplishes. His interest in people is warm and sympathetic and he has never lost his youthful faith in their rightness. He loves the printed word. Rare is the week he does not bring home a new book. He has a large collection of Vol. No. 1, of newspapers and magazines, a collection of literature about John Brown and many books about Soviet Russia, for which he has deep feeling.

A few Sundays ago when he spoke at the Central Congregational Church he called it a religion which takes academic freedom for granted, which has no fear of the searching eye, whose members are safe from head hunters. He being one of them would practically guarantee that freedom, for he is a non-conformist, a maverick, an independent thinker in politics, religion, and social activities.

In his youth he rebelled against all faiths, fancied himself an agnostic, finally landed in the Congregational Church. "But you joined the church because you liked to sin," reminded Mrs. Korab, who is practical and realistic and likes to keep the record straight. Well, maybe so, but he remained to pray.

Mr. Korab's parents were born in Czechosovakia. Their parents came to the New World to escape from the wars of the Old turning Westward with the same high faith of the Pilgrims.

Enthusiasm sent Frank and other members of his family pioneering in Montana. And it sent pretty Barbara Denison, who was engaged to Frank, out to take a claim of her own. Her father reluctantly granted permission to go, but she was not to take her trunk — fancying he'd have her back in a few weeks. But he had not counted on the spirit of his daughter who stayed nine long drouth-ridden years, with time out to come home and be married.

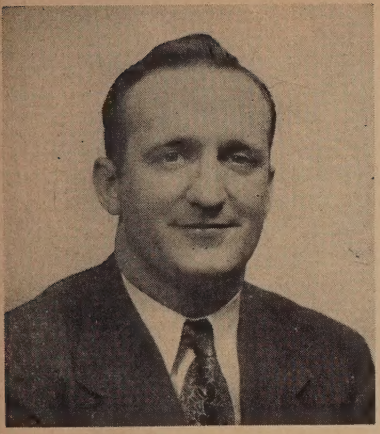
It was a nice wedding and the bride started gaily on her journey west in a snappy blue suit and an elegant blue hat with a long white plume.

It was December and when she reached the little station in Montana, she took the hat off and tied her head in a shawl. She never put it on again.

After nine years in Topeka, the Korab's with their daughters, Joan and Nedra, are moving to Kansas City, Kansas. In case that town has been harboring any cobwebs, it had better prepare to lose them."

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

March 8, 1953



Rev Dale Turner
Convocation Speaker

Washburn Minister's Convocation

Outstanding leadership has been secured for this Annual three-day meeting to be held this year on February 10, 11 and 12. For the Convocation speaker, Washburn has secured the Rev. Dale Turner, popular minister of Plymouth Congregational Church at Lawrence. He graduated from Yale Divinity School in 1943, did young people's work at Plymouth Church, Lansing, Michigan and was assistant minister at Park Church, Grand Rapids before coming to Lawrence almost five years ago. His leadership at Lawrence has been noted for great student appeal as well as marked propress in all phases of the church program. Titles for his chapel presentations on Feb. 10 and 11 are: "The Choice Before us", and "The Implications of the Choice." He will also give leadership in the ministers program.

The Rev. S. Duane Ogden, Chairman of the Conference Convocation Committee has secured Dr. Wilhelm Pauck of Chicago for five presentations during the three day period.

Born in Laasphe, Germany, where he attended the University of Gottingen, Doctor Pauck received his degree of doctor of theology in church history in 1925 from the Berlin University. He was a German Exchange student at the Chicago Theological Seminary in 1925 and 1926. He received his Th.D. degree from the University of Geissen in 1933.

He is now Professor of Historical Theology in the Federated Theological Faculty and Professor of History in the University of Chicago. Mr. Pauck just returned since Christmas from an extensive tour of Europe.

A well-known author and contributor to several religious books, Pauck has written "Karl Barth, Prophet of a New Christianity", and "The Church

Dr. Wilhelm Pauck
Convocation Guest

Against the World." He contributed to 'Environmental Factors in Church History", in 1939, "Religion and the Present Crisis" in 1942, and 'The Heritage of the Reformation" in 1950. His articles have appeared in the Journal of Religion, Religion in Life, Church History and Christian Century.

As for the past thirteen years, twenty to twenty-five out-of-town ministers will be housed and given breakfast at the state parsonage. This annual gathering features fellowship. Daytime sessions will be held at Benton Hall on the Washburn Campus. Dinner meetings will be held in Topeka Churches.

The Rev. Malcolm White of Sabetha has been chosen as Chaplain and will bring the devotional messages each day. The Rev. S. Duane Ogden of Osborne will preside over the meetings as Moderator.

New Minister at Mount Hope

The Rev. LeRoy McReynolds was called to Mount Hope Federated Church and began leadership there on January 11. Mr. McReynolds served our Congregational Church at Goltry, Oklahoma for more than 2 years before coming to Mt. Hope. Both Mr. and Mrs. McReynolds hold A.B. degrees from Phillips University and Mr. McReynolds will receive his B.D. degree in May. Mr. McReynolds has taught in youth camps for the past five years. Moving with them into the Mt. Hope parsonage were two sons — Kendall, six, and Billy, two. Remodeling of the parsonage before their arrival included the laying of new oak floors.

Schmidt's Serve Haven

For some months the Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Schmidt have been supplying our church at Haven. In December the church voted unanimously to extend an official call. The Haven Church has been delighted with their leadership and look forward to further progress and achievement. Mrs. Schmidt is teaching kindergarten at Whitewater this year. Mr. Schmidt sells insurance, but will give allotted time to the church. It is hoped that they will make Haven their home when school is out.

Archie Toothaker Retires

After almost 51 years in Congregational Ministry, the Rev. Archie Toothaker retired on January first. He has been the minister of our Tonganoxie Church for the past 13 years. Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of his ordination was observed a year ago. His address for the present is 921 Harbor View Drive, San Diego 6, California.

Mid-Winter Meetings

Strategy and planning sessions are being held in Cleveland, Ohio, January 19-31, involving most phases of our denominational program. Attending various sessions from Kansas will be Miss Pauline Bloomer, Supt. L. M. Rymph, Mrs. E. C. Garrison, Mr. Chester Bidleman, Rev. Charles T. Brewster, Mr. Roscoe Graves, Miss Alice Huggins, Mrs. John W. Gibson, and Mrs. R. H. Garvey.

Building Plans at Seabrook

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dinner together, the men went out into the community and secured cash and pledges for over $20,000.00 toward the building of a new church. A few large gifts are expected which will bring this total well up toward $25,000.00 Seabrook people are all working people and the families who pledged are paying for small homes and young families. Surely, this proves the IMPOSSIBLE has become the POSSIBLE in Seabrook.

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

"The Acquisition of God"

Congregational women of Kansas reserve the month of February for honoring the women who have served our Lord in the days that are past. Rather than make this a time of sorrow and depression, it is my wish that we turn our thoughts to acquiring good from these fine women, and so be inspired to greater works.

These women whom we honor in February had many characteristics that endeared them to us, but, more than likely, each woman had one gift that was her particular possession. It was a possesion because she gave it. Will you turn your memory to the women in your church, your home, and your acquaintance, and recall their particular blessing. Thank God for the good they gave, and acquire some of that goodness so you may give it.

There is a woman in your mind who was humble. She was a quiet worker among you, yet, very surely and distinctly Jesus spoke thru her to show us, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." She was still and when God spoke to her, she heard.

Another speaks to us in a firm, almost commanding voice. She is a peacemaker, but she doesn't bring peace today nor tomorrow. Before the peace she gives can come are many days and nights of unrest, for she speaks of injustice, hunger, illiteracy, greed. She knows these are the tools that build war.

Shall we accept the gift of that woman who made a joyful noise unto the Lord? In the midst of difficulty, in deep sorrow, in pain, she gave joy, — the joy that comes from knowing that the life built on God's love, His love for us and our love for Him, cannot fail, and that all else must.

The woman who had the greatest gift was truly blessed and so will we be, if we accept what she offers and give it to all. This woman loved God and us so much that when we confided in her, we thought of God's understanding and foregiveness. She was the saint "who made it easy for others to be good."

Although these women have varied gifts, our dear Saviour was in each, for these women listened to Him and loved Him. We can pay them the highest honor by allowing their words to renew our minds.

Let us honor these women in February, Memorial Month, by using the program for the Memorial Service as shown in our Guide Book. Let us honor them all thru the year by accepting their gifts and by acquiring goodness from our memories of them.

Vera Lancaster, Secretary
Memorial Fund,
3122 Rochester Road, Topeka

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew her, the following name has been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Judy Balfour

By Congregational Sunday School Class Nine — Ford, Kansas.

New Year Resolutions For Church Women

Plan programs that will help your women to understand the Kingdom of God and encourage church attendance.

Help your women's organizations grow spiritually.

Encourage the study of the Bible and Mission Study Books.

Encourage newcomers to attend your meetings — call on new folks in the community and invite them to church.

Give substantially to Our Christian World Mission; also Church Building Fund.

Take an active part in the work of your church. Your church school always needs teachers. Your Youth Group may need sponsors.

Finally, and most important, set aside a certain time each day for personal devotion. Pray daily for your church, its officers and minister.

Social Action

Race Relations Sunday is February 8 this year. It is time now to plan for a sermon in our churches and programs in our groups. A complete packet of literature can be secured for 15 cents from National Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, or from Mr. Galen Weaver at 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, — free. Our churches can plan some interesting and pertinent programs to build a better community if we start thinking now about the February 8 emphasis. The theme is "That All May Be One."

A Study Tour On Human Rights

Do you like to travel to the places that are interesting and educational? A certain number of our church people may go on the tour planned by Galen Weaver next summer. It starts in New York, visiting the United Nations, goes to some of our missions in the south and ends with three days at the Annual Race Relations Institute at Nashville. Those who go to learn a great deal and come away with a wider vision of the work of the church, they also have a good time and see some beautiful parts of our country. Can your church send someone? June 15 — July 3, 1953 — think about it now to get it into your program for summer.

Gleaned From Mid-West

Miss Marjory A. Martin became Friendly Service Secretary on December 1, 1952 replacing Miss Helen Francis Smith. Miss Martin has been Director of Religious Education in Canandaigua, New York, secretary of Woman's Work in the New York Conference for several years. More recently, she has been director of Religious Education in the First Presbyterian Church, Rutherford, New Jersey.

Dr. Truman Douglas — "New communities are just Real Estate developments until the church enters." Also, "Five-sixths of the churches in Mid-West area have received aid from Church Building Fund."

Do you know that our President asked Congress to appropriate $185,000 for research for Migrants? Both houses turned it down. On investigation of the department of the Interior, it was learned that three million dollars has been apropriated for migratory birds and wild life.

Dr. Laubach has taught 60 million people to read — the Communists have been furnishing them reading material. Give more for literature for them.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Norcross Jones, President **Doris Ann Bonnell, Secretary**

Program Planning Pays Off

Gary Sick, Russell, and Western P.F. President writes: "We initiated a series of programs of our own which turned out very well for us. Chapters in the book, "I Believe" by Nevin Harner were assigned to a different person each week. Interesting reports and some really fine discussion followed. December 28 we tried something different. After the business meeting and worship period those who wished could stay and listen to the radio version of the life of Peter Marshall. This was a wonderful experience and very worthwhile. Rev. Poppe has a wire recorder which is used occasionally for recording special programs. We made a game out of answering questions about the Bible on one of the programs given during Bible Week.

We meet at 6:30 on Sunday evening for a recreation period consisting of ping-pong, shuffleboard, and box hockey. This is not organized and everyone joins in the fun until all arrive. We feel that a minimum of planning for recreation is actually a help since it gives the group a chance to decide what they want to do. Our fellowship during the recreation period has improved one hundred percent. We have a business meeting and program followed by devotions in the Children's Chapel. After the meeting is officially over most of the group go back downstairs for more recreation until about 9:00.

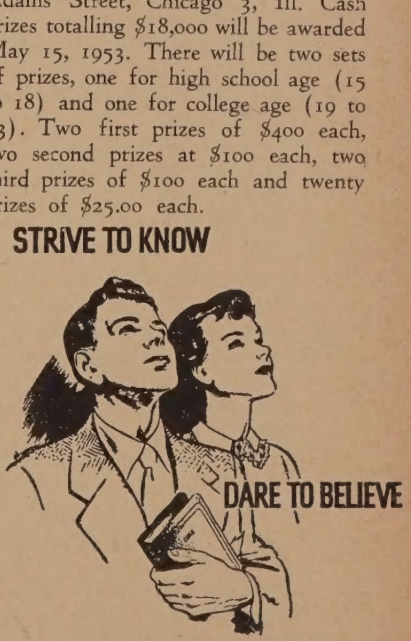
Instead of a regular meeting January 4 plans for future programs were made. Everyone had an opportunity to express his or her ideas. The results of our previous planning retreat worked out surprisingly well.

Lenten Devotions Ready Soon

Place orders now with Pilgrim Press for Lenten Devotions for Young People, 1953 by Rev. Ross Cannon.

Point 4 Essay Contest

"The United States and the Underdeveloped Areas" is the theme for this contest ending March 31, 1953. If your birthday is between March 31, 1930 and March 31, 1938 you are eligible to enter. For further information write Point 4 Essay Committee, National Council of Churches, 79 East Adams Street, Chicago 3, Ill. Cash prizes totalling $18,000 will be awarded May 15, 1953. There will be two sets of prizes, one for high school age (15 to 18) and one for college age (19 to 23). Two first prizes of $400 each, two second prizes at $100 each, two third prizes of $100 each and twenty prizes of $25.00 each.



Southern

Partridge held a pre-Christmas meeting built around Christmas Carols. A candy-making demonstration followed.

Towanda presented a candlelight vesper service December 14. A special offering was taken for OCWM. On the following Sunday they presented the all-Church Christmas service which featured carols, scripture and colored slides.

Maize presented the play "Home For Christmas" and a one-act pageant.

McPherson used the filmstrip "Christmas Around the World" December 14. The following week both groups went caroling separately to shut-ins of the church.

Whitewater entertained parents on December 14.

Wichita Fairmount Pilgrims assisted in the church Every Member Sharing visitation by baby sitting in several homes and at the church. Just before Christmas orders were taken for colored popcorn balls at 50 cents a dozen.

Eastern

Kansas City Ruby has a new Junior High PF organized. Officers are: Lois Smith, president; Linda Bartley, vice-president; Sharon Pratt, sec'y; Keith Robinson, treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Vedlin Bartley are sponsors.

Sabetha Senior PF started out the year with a deficit. They decided to do something about it by having a chili supper in November and selling candy at the church bazaar. They have had varied programs which have included discussion, games, speakers and filmstrips. A sleigh ride was planned for their December social.

Manhattan Pilgrims had a caroling party December 14 followed by games and refreshments at the church.

Milford PFers had a line party to the movie "Plymouth Adventure." This excellent historical movie of our Pilgrim fathers is especially interesting to Congregationalists.

Topeka Central Pilgrims will long remember Christmas 1952. Nancy Mack, Program Chairman, pushed through the production of the play "Christmas On Trial" with such success that even the cast was surprised. On December 21 there was a family potluck supper and annual candlelighting service.

Uncle Harald Wisegarver, Association Sponsor, and his Pilgrim Team were making plans to visit Sabetha as we went to press.

One Great Hour of Sharing

The date set for most observances will be March 8, 1953. PF members will participate in this program in their respective churches. Within OCWM young people are helping with rehabilitation of tent village refugees in Lebanon. Materials are available from your minister. There will be a special service of worship for young people's meetings.

Omission Last Month

Credit should have been given to Dave Cutting, Lenora, for the pictures that appeared on the PF pages.

New Youth Fellowship Program Manual

"Faith In Action" is off the press, $1.00. This is the program booklet for Senior High groups and the topics are generally planned for spring and summer months, but are usable in any order at any time. Helps provide a balanced program covering fifteen to twenty weeks. How about better meetings in 1953?

Youth Week Packet
Now Available - 35 cents

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

Couples Teach at Whitewater

Last summer Miss Leila Anderson of our Department of Christian Education spent an afternoon and evening with the teaching staff of our Sunday School. She stayed over on Monday and we had some more discussion groups with key leaders. Out of this came her suggestion that we try to invite couples to teach Junior Department classes. This seemed like a good idea; would it work? The minister's wife was teaching on of these classes so the pastor had to promise he would help. With that promise he set out at four o'clock the same Monday to contact the husbands of wives already teaching. By eight o'clock that night all husbands were in full agreement to try the plan. There was one couple, not yet married, but the minister along with the young lady persuaded him to try. They have since married and are still teaching. It put a whole new life into our Sunday School work. We already had one couple teaching separate classes for Senior High and the older women's group. Now our Sunday School with an average attendance of about 100 has a teaching and working staff of 19. They also take care of an increasing home department which is concerned with older folks and family life.

Last August a group of nine went to the LaForet Leadership Workshop. As a result we have pretty well Pilgrimized our entire Sunday School from top to bottom. When Miss Anderson turned this idea loose on Whitewater it took root and has produced some splendid results. It gives couples a point of common concern for community and church; also it provides a greater teaching staff with up to the minute assistants if a teacher is ill or cannot be present. In addition there is stability in classes where there tended to be chaos. It has done all of this and much more. It is just a beginning of an answer to the old problem of parents who merely "send their children to Sunday School."

With an excellent teaching staff, complete Pilgrim Series, and fine attendance we will be spending about $4.50 per person in average attendance during the present church year which began in October. The church, the children, the teachers and the pastor are proud of having a good Sunday School and they will work hard to keep it on top.

Rev. Louis Poppe, Minister
Whitewater Federated Church

Project of the Month

Requests for Bibles and Bible teaching materials have come from all over the world in recent months. They are from our missionaries in little schools hospitals and other mission outposts. If you are a Pilgrim Series Church School details are given in the Program Manual under the All-Church project. Details are also given in "Tomorrow" and "Advance". People overseas need pictures, filmstrips, Bibles and other teaching aids.

Spring Workshop

Miss Mildred Widber, Secretary of Leadership Education, will be our guest leader for a statewide leadership workshop at First Congregational Church, Topeka, April 14-16. The purpose of this workshop is to train leaders for

local church schools as well as area workshops. Each church is urged to send delegates. Area workshops have been succesful in many states. The program for an area workshop can be planned to meet the needs of local groups. Usually two or three churches having similar programs and close geographically meet together. The program might consist of some general presentations such as previewing films and other audio-visual materials along with a demonstration on how to use them; creative activities; discussion of special projects. Then there could be departmental meetings with the leader to help teachers plan their lessons and program for the next quarter. The sharing of ideas from several churches and fellowship are important elements in this type of workshop. Reserve the dates on your church school calendar for this important opportunity. Help make it possible for your church school leaders to attend.

Numerous Holiday Activities

Space does not permit our reporting the many pre-Christmas parties and programs held in our churches. Many followed traditional patterns while others were unique and original.

Acting C. E. Director

Mrs. Charles Graves, Topeka, is serving at Topeka Central as Acting Director of Christian Education since the resignation of the Rev. Paul Nicely. She will serve on a part-time basis until a new director is secured. She is known as "Aunt Betty" to many young people in the state as she has been a camp counselor for a number of years, as well as a church school teacher in Central Church. Our best wishes are extended.

Plan Now to Attend LaForet Workshop

Plans for the 1953 Leadership Workshop are in process. The dates will be August 5-9.

Sneakers Sent Overseas

The Hutchinson and Towanda Church Schools report Sneaker Tree projects for December. At Towanda both classes and individuals brought sneakers to the All-Church Christmas service. They were placed under the lighted Christmas tree. During the service ushers used sneakers to pass among the congregation for an additional offering. The sneakers have been mailed for distribution among Arab refubees or other needy persons.

New Filmstrips

African Journey is now available for programs on Africa. This 20-minute color film is narrated on records by Dr. John Rueling, former American Board Missionary, who takes his audience on an interesting tour of our Board work in Africa.

The Growth In Our Idea Of God is the new color filmstrip for the Winter Quarter in Pilgrim Series. Man's idea of God is traced from early Old Testament days to the time of Jesus. Scripts available for both adults and children.

See November "Tomorrow" for other audio-visual materials recommended for the church school this quarter. Payment of postage (both ways) is only charge.

Last Chance

We have been requested by the Missions Council to return our copies of the current stewardship film "MORE FOR PEACE" by February 1. If you have not made use of this excellent 16mm sound movie we urge you to send in your request at once.

SOCIAL ACTION

Alfred H. Bartter, Chairman

The Department of Social Action is always looking for reports of actual experiences where individuals or groups have been able to "carry their Christian convictions into areas of everyday life."

The following is one such report. Undoubtedly, other churches are doing similar things. We would be glad to hear of them and share them with all readers of Congregational Kansas.

"For the past two years, the women of Great Bend Congregational Church have been making monthly visits in one of the wards of the Larned Hospital Annex. On these monthly visits home made cookies or fresh fruit and a drink were served to the patients. Time was taken for a chat with each patient. New magazines were left for them to read. An electric clock was put up where all might easily see the time of day. On one of these visits several boxes of good wash dresses were given. Near Christmas and Easter, special parties were held which were much appreciated. Once each year there was a birthday party with gifts and a birthday cake for everyone."

Mrs. Charles Miner

This year C.S.A. offers a wide variety of practical helps for your program:

Tool Chest: a packet of materials for the organization and program of social action in the churches. The programs include one on Migrants, Race, Industrial and International. (25 cents)

Group Leader's Manual: a four-session discussion guide based on the longer statement of the "Christian Basis for Social Action." This should be a valuable discussion of this whole area of the church program — 50 cents.

Christian Citizenship: a program of participation on national legislation and government policies, for groups and individuals. Free. You may want to write to Rev. Herman F. Reissig of the Council for Social Action, 289 Fourth Ave., New York10, for materials, including films, on all phases of the world situation.

Next summer, the Rev. Ray Gibbons, National Director of C.S.A., and his wife are conducting their second Eu opean Seminar. "It's an opportunity of a lifetime to study religious and social conditions in Britain, France, Germany, Italy and other European countries with 25 fellow Congregationalists. If interested, please write at once to Ray Gibbons, C.S.A., 289 Fourth Ave., New York 10, for mat-York."

There should be at least one couple go from Kansas.

4000 More by '54

Now is the time to make preliminary plans for Lenten Membership Emphasis. If the churches of Kansas reach the goal of "4000 More by '54" so ably phrased by Frank Korab, they will have to make a major effort before Easter. We are after more than the remaining 200 unclaimed memberships and more than a goal. Our task is to express a heart-warming and captivating witness about our faith and our church. I think it was Luther who said: "My faith is such that I must help you discover your faith." This is true evangelism, to have a faith AND to share that faith. Make no little plans in the obligation of bringing people into the fold of the church. Present the matter with fore-thought at the annual meeting. Ask yourselves the basic question of attitude, do you really want other people, new residents, strangers, the non-churched, to participate in

your worship, your fellowship, your tasks. your offices?

Do you want them enough to go out and personally invite them, bring them, and stand beside them and help them grow in understanding of the church, the Bible, the spirit of Jesus Christ. If you do, then become acquainted with the excellent materials available to help you in a joyous work. Write to me or to the state office for further information and guidance. We will be glad to help.

Hans M. Poppe, Chairman
Committee on Evangelism

News From Here and There

Serious Illness

On December 8 during a Men's meeting at Colonial Church in Prairie Village, the Rev. C. Fosberg Hughes, Minister, collapsed and was rushed to the hospital. Colonial Church boasts eight doctors in its membership; seven of them were at the meeting and the eighth one was waiting at the hospital. Examination revealed that the trouble was from a duodenal ulcer which caused a serious illness last spring. An operation removing two thirds of the stomach was followed by a number of transfusions. After a very uncomfortable week, Mr. Hughes began to show rapid improvement and was able to return home in less than two weeks.

Members and friends of the church rallied to meet the emergency. The Rev. Oscar Gustafson was secured as pulpit supply, and Mrs. Hughes was given constant help and encouragement by their many friends. Meals at present have to be more frequent and of a light nature, but Mr. Hughes assures us that he will soon be up to his three square meals. He resumed his work in the pulpit in mid-January and hopes soon to be as good as new. We bid Colonial Church and its beloved pastor Godspeed for the year 1953.

A 60th Anniversary

On November 30, the Rev. W. T. Williams observed the anniversary of sixty years in the ministry by occupying the pulpit of the Council Grove Congregational Church. His first church was a Congregational Church at Lewiston, Michigan. He came to Kansas in 1896 and has served churches at Linwood, Downs, Lenora, Gaylord, Ft. Scott, Sterling, Kinsley and Council Grove.

Ford Women Busy

Four groups of 8 women are busy raising money to put cupboards and a sink in the church basement. They hope also to put in a rest room. Projects have included sale of greeting cards, suppers and a gift sale.

Mrs. C. G. Nelson Ill

Friends of Mrs. C. G. Nelson of Wakefield will regret to hear that she has been confined at the Norton sanitorium since the last of November. She is somewhat improved, but will not be able to return home for some time. We feel sure many of you would like to remember her with a card of greeting.

Dates to Remember

January 25 - February 1 — Youth Week
February 8 — Race Relations Sunday
February 10, 11, 12 — Ministers' Convocation
February 18 — Ash Wednesday
February 20 — World Day of Prayer
April 5 — Easter Sunday
May 5, 6, & 7 — State Conference
May 31 - June 6 — Senior P.F. Camp
June 7 - 13 — Junior Hi P.F. Camp

New Year's Communion

At Centralia the Methodist and Congregational Churches joined in serving communion on New Year's Eve from 7 to 12:30 and during New Year's Day.

Udall

In celebration of a newly decorated church with new ceiling and new lighting, a special service was held, November 30. The Rev. Floyd Davidson of Wichita was the speaker. A fellowship tea followed the service.

Studying in Paris

Miss Helen Dowell, former Wa-Shun-Ga camper and counselor, of Council Grove, was chosen as one of 25 young women from Junior Colleges throughout the U.S. to study at the University of Paris this year. Following her school year she plans to visit Sweden, England, Switerland, Italy and Germany, returning in time to enroll at KU for her senior year.

Great Bend

Boxes of clothing, supplies and toys went from the Women's Fellowship at Great Bend to Cotton Valley School, Doane College, Delmo, Ellis Island, Lincoln Academy and Pleasant Hill Community Center. The Primary Department sent boxes of clothing and toys to Ft. Berthold Indian Mission. The evening group of the Women's Fellowship held a Christmas Party for a ward in Great Bend Annex Hospital.

Rev. Louis Poppe

On December 30, the Rev. Louis Poppe of Whitewater underwent surgery at Bethany Hospital in Kansas City. The operation planned for several months opened a window in the ear to improve the hearing. One of Mr. Poppe's parishoners, Mrs. Florence Bruhn underwent a similar operation on December 29. Mr. Poppe hopes to be home by the middle of January.

Seneca

Improvements at Seneca included installation of a new Baldwin organ in the church sanctuary, new paint and heating system in the Community House. On December 10 the Seneca Church was host to representatives from Sabetha for Mr. Manspeaker's presentation of the Building Fund Campaign. On New Year's Eve, the Rev. James McConnell conducted a candle light Communion service.

Church Building Loan Fund Roll Call

Has your church accepted a goal?

Have you sent in your Declaration of Purpose?

Have you ordered your literature?

Has the cause been presented to your church by an informed speaker?

Happy Birthday

On occasion of his 90th birthday on December 15, the Rev. C. A. Riley former pastor of Kansas City First Pilgrim was honored.

Japanese Student at Osborne

On December 28, Tommy Takami, student at Doane College was guest speaker at Osborne United. Mr. Takami was brought to Doane for study thru the efforts of Albert Faurot, American Board Missionary whose home is in Smith Center.

Wichita Fairmount

Rapid progress on construction of The Fairmount educational building promises completion around the first of March. Reports at the annual meeting showed growth in all departments. Colored slides depicting the churches program were presented. The Rev. George Fisk is minister.

"Thought for the New Year"

The story is told of a captive eagle which had been caged so long that it had forgotten how to fly. This the owner learned when he decided to free the bird and carried it to a high rock nearby.

The eagle seemed not to notice the absence of its bars, nor the open sky above. Even when the owner prodded the creature, the bird refused to try its wings. Power was there but it was dormant.

Leaving the place, the owner watched from a distance to see what would follow. After some minutes a speck appeared in the sky, grew larger, swooped nearer, then flew close above the earthbound bird, uttering an unearthly cry.

Whatever the cry of the free eagle meant to the creature on the rock, it was a quickening challenge, a call to the bird seemingly beyond the power of flight. With an answering cry and a mighty effort, it spread its wings and flew upward to its kind.

Isaiah tells us, "He (God) giveth power to the faint; and to whom that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run; and not be weary; and they shall walk; and not faint."

The scriptures tell us that man like the eagle in the story, has tremendous latent power within himself. If we respond to the call from on high He will awaken our great reservoir of inner strength to burst the shackles of hate, suspicion, greed and depression which imprison us and no longer need our world be bound by the chains of militarism and godless ideologies.

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